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REMARKS:

REMARKS REGARDING SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

The title of the application has been amended as indicated above. Specifically, the phrase "and Compositions" has been removed to more accurately reflect the scope of the present claim set.

In making the above amendment, Applicants' intention is to not narrow the scope of the protection sought by the application.

REMARKS REGARDING CLAIMS AMENDMENTS:

The claims have been amended as indicated above. Specifically:

- Claims 1, 2, 18, 28, 29, 38, 44, 46-48, 50-85, 92, 98, 105, 107, 112-115, 125-130, 133-148, 156, 159, and 163 have been canceled by the present or previous papers.
- Claims 45, 99 and 149 have been amended so as to incorporate all of the limitations of the claims from which they were previously dependent.

In making the above amendments, Applicants' intention is to not narrow the scope of the protection sought by these claims. Specifically it should be noted that the amendments to claims 45, 99 and 149 have been made in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112, fourth paragraph which specifically provides that a dependent claim incorporates by reference all of the limitations of the claim from which it is dependent. Thus, in making these amendments, no narrowing of the literal scope of the claim has taken place.

Support for the above amendments to the claims can be found in the original specification as filed.

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IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION:

Applicants have amended the claims without prejudice to render moot the rejections of the Office Action. In making these amendments without prejudice, Applicants reserve the right to file continuation applications to pursue the subject matter that is disclosed but unclaimed. Therefore, Applicants request that the rejection of the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn and that the Examiner indicate the allowance of the application in the next paper from the Office.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-3082, Order No. PA-00083US.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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